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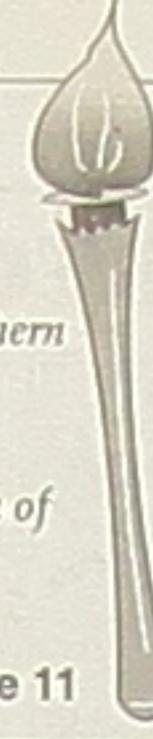
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# Cost causes College to trash recycling

Recyclables' hauling price forces Southern to dump environmental program

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Since 1970 Americans have recognized the need for earth preservation. A day has been set aside for celebrating the earth and its environment, and recycling from one end of the continent to the other is now commonplace.

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION

# Massa, Moorman fill posts

By DAN WISZKON  
STAFF WRITER

After conducting a nationwide search for a director of the institute of international studies, the College decided to go with someone on the inside. Richard Massa, head of the communications department, got the nod July 10 to spearhead the position with Dr. J.R. Moorman, associate professor of communications, serving as his assistant. The search was

conducted by Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, with Dr. Julio Leon, College president, making the final decision.

The institute's chief goal is to coordinate activities and programs that will strengthen Missouri Southern's international mission.

As director, Massa said he wants to concentrate on five major areas of the international mission: curriculum, faculty development and exchange, student development

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Lecture classrooms in Reynolds Hall have received a facelift which includes sloped seating and state-of-the-art sound boards for acoustics.

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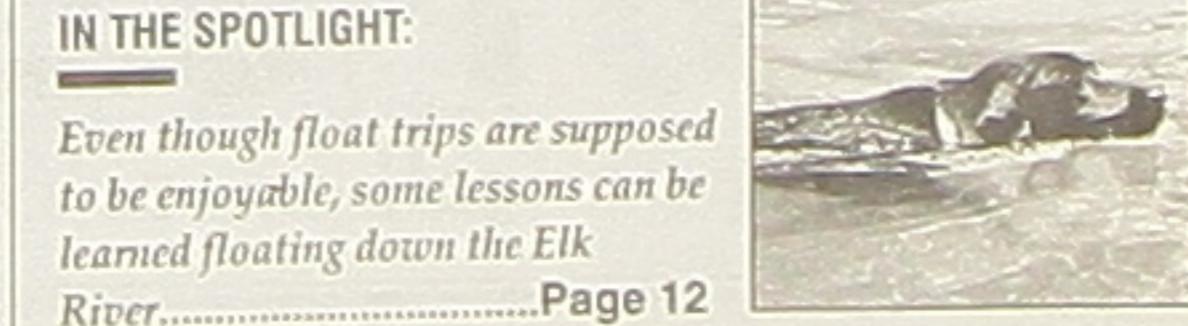
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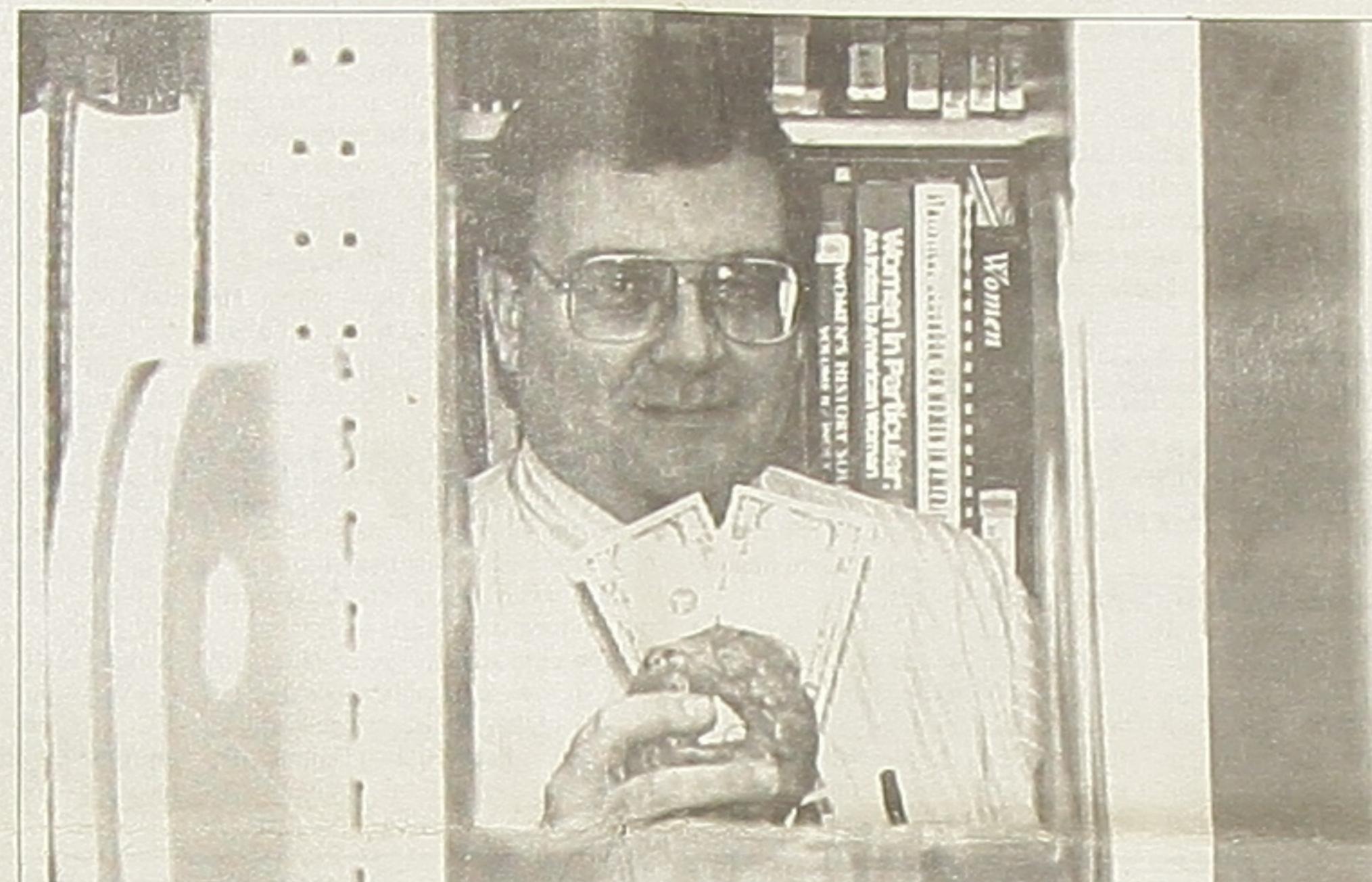
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Robert Black,  
Missouri Southern  
reference librarian,  
will donate  
15 percent of the  
Chesapeake Bagel  
Bakery's Sept. 14  
sales to the  
Spiva Library.

BRETT DAWSON/The Chart



# Bookworm to donate bagel dough

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Robert Black has eaten his way to good fortune. By winning a VIP drawing at the Chesapeake Bagel Bakery, Black can donate 15 percent of the store's gross sales on Saturday, Sept. 14 to a charity of his choice.

The benefactor will be Missouri Southern's Spiva Library.

"I'm not saying that other charities are not as deserving," said Black, a reference librarian. "But any library, from the smallest community library to the Library of Congress, can use a little extra money. I thought 'Hey, why not?'"

While Black is not sure of the actual dollar amount the library will receive, he said ideas have already been tossed around with other faculty members. One such idea was a new lens on the microfiche reader that would allow the 16-millimeter film to print out at a more readable size.

"I don't want to jinx it with an actual dollar figure," Black said. "If we get \$100 or \$1,000, it's still money we didn't have before. The lens would be something nice and useful. It's also something that won't wear out too quickly. We want to use the money in a way that benefits the patrons."

The contest evolved as a way for Chesapeake Bagel, located at 1130 E. 32nd St., to become involved with the community. Similar events will take place in Springfield as the franchise will open several stores in that area later this year.

The corporation, based in Virginia, recommends each franchise do something like this and we chose to," said Lonnie Shere, manager of Chesapeake Bagel. "We're happy the money is going to a good cause and will be of help to somebody. We're glad it is going somewhere locally."

Black said the College administration was pleased and surprised to hear of the donation. □

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION

# First-year programs on track

By RICK ROGERS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Even though Missouri Southern has just begun to implement its international mission, the College has already begun setting the table for year two of its new educational focus.

College President Julio Leon said new and veteran faculty, along with students involved in the international studies program, have shown "much enthusiasm" toward Missouri Southern's improved global focus.

"This is the first year we have been able to implement some of the initiatives of the mission," Leon said. "Out of the 24 new faculty members we hired through the funding we received in our first year, several of those new faculty members were hired because of those initiatives. I think we are going to experience some new and very exciting things this year."

With phase one of the mission



Leon

## Reynolds Hall receives new-look lecture halls

### Better acoustics, new seating pattern improve classrooms

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After a 10-year wait, improvements to Reynolds Hall have been made that were originally part of renovation plans when the building received its addition.

New seating in the sloped classrooms along with new ceiling tiles and sound boards on the wall have helped the acoustics in the classrooms. Offices have been made to accommodate all the faculty. And

what Dr. John Messick, biology department head, calls the "biggest change," is the complete renovation of the physics and chemistry laboratories.

"We have more space to put students," said Dr. Vernon Baiamonte, physical sciences department head. "It is more conducive to running a lab than the old one was."

The project was contracted out and completed this summer after the College had asked the state to provide funds since 1989, according to Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant.

"The week began in earnest a week after graduation," Beeler said. "The speed was the remarkable part of the project."

Dr. Juan Vazquez, mathematics

"I like what I see," Vazquez said. The Reynolds renovation is just one of several projects being completed at Missouri Southern this year. The physical plant is supposed to finish up with its work on the new Student Life Center Friday.

After that project has been completed, work will begin on Americans with Disabilities Act projects around campus, according to Beeler.

Another large-scale project on the horizon for Southern is the addition to the Mills Anderson Justice Center.

Now that the \$500,000 Reynolds Hall improvements have been

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## SOUTHERN'S FACE-LIFT

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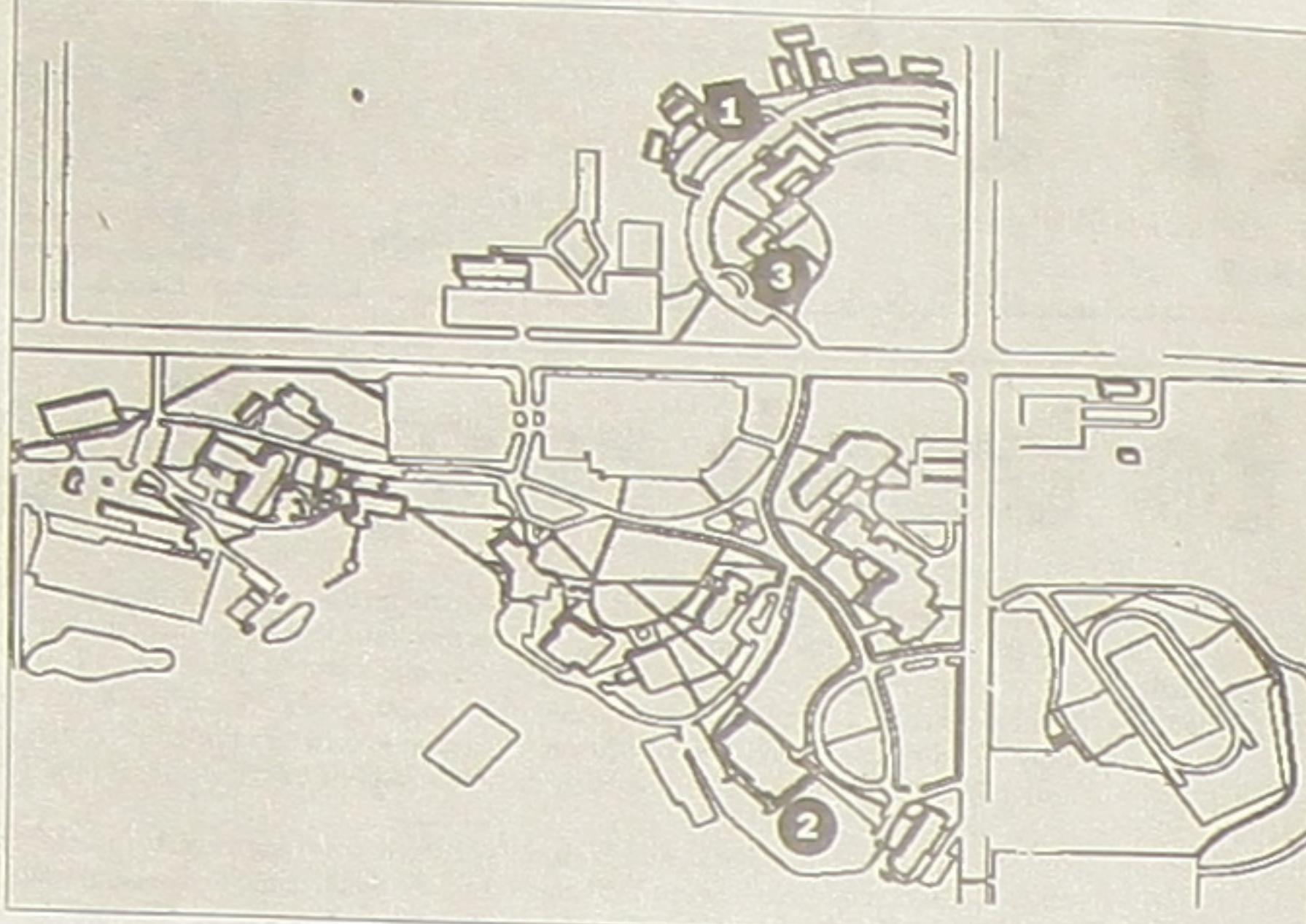
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department head, said there are no longer any doubling up of faculty offices in his department, which has made everyone happy.

## SECURITY REPORT



1 8/27/96 DRYER HALL 7:10 p.m. Erin Fielding, freshman undecided major, reported that someone had dented the rear quarter panel of her 1991 Chevrolet Camaro. The vehicle was parked in a handicap parking spot in front of Dryer Hall.

2 8/28/96 YOUNG GYMNASIUM 1:20 p.m. An unoccupied vehicle owned by Thad Lundine, senior education major, rolled into another vehicle, owned by Wayne Stebbins, associate professor of biology. Lundine's vehicle struck the left rear quarter panel of Stebbins' vehicle.

3 9/1/96 MCCORMICK HALL 3:45 p.m. Kiersten Burk, freshman undecided major, reported stolen her Trek Model 830 21-speed bicycle, estimated at \$450. Burk said she parked her bike in the rack in front of McCormick Hall and locked the front wheel to the rack. At 10:30 a.m., she discovered her bicycle was missing but the front wheel and lock were still attached to the bicycle rack.

All proceeds of all advertising go to The Chart, the student newspaper of Missouri Southern State College.

## CORRECTION

On the front page of the August 29 issue of The Chart, the photographs of Carnell Matthews and Marque Owens were incorrectly identified. We apologize for the error.

## CONSTRUCTION: Maintenance crews complete Reynolds Hall improvements during summer months

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Matthews and Ummel have priority. "Academic improvements are what we try to do first," he said.

Tiede said the College is asking \$280,000 for Ummel and \$231,000 for Matthews from the state. The money will go to renovate areas in the buildings that have been abandoned by long-gone programs. Tiede said a former auto tech area in Ummel needs to be retooled, as

well as the former industrial arts section of the basement in Matthews.

"Both involve areas where we have vacated programs," Tiede said.

Baiamonte said the renovations in Reynolds have allowed him to add more sections of the physical sciences to the schedule. Previously, Baiamonte opened up six sections of chemistry each semester, but now because of

work space made in the renovations, the department has doubled the number of sections to 12.

"It gives us more freedom and makes working conditions better than they had been," he said.

The sloped rooms have also been equipped with multimedia, ceiling-mounted projectors.

"When the addition was made on

Reynolds Hall there were plans to renovate the old portion," Messick said.

Even though it has been a long time coming for the Reynolds Hall improvements, Tiede said the whole time has been a waiting game with the state.

Plans had been made to renovate the old portion of Reynolds Hall when the addition was put on, but the cost was too great, Tiede said. □

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

## Program meets criteria

Southern one of 22 programs to receive national accreditation

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Missouri Southern's environmental health program is one of only 22 such programs to be accredited by the National Environmental Health Association.

Prior to accreditation, a program must meet certain criteria, according to Dr. Wayne Adams, Southern's coordinator of environmental health technology.

"The program must meet certain standards in areas such as the faculty background, budgetary support, administrative support, curriculum format, facilities, and the resources in the library," he said. "They look at all those areas telling something about the program."

Adams said the national organization studies the program's enrollment, the number of graduates from the program, and success of the graduates.

Southern's program, housed in the biology department, has approximately 45 majors in environmental health theory.

"There are three options the students can take," Adams said. "They can deal with water and waste water management, haz-

ardous materials management, or community and industrial health."

He said although technology has enhanced and improved human life, it is often given too much credit for the longer life expectancies.

"We have drugs to cure conditions, and we see a doctor when we're ill, but longer life expectancy came about long before antibiotics," he said.

Adams said environmental health takes a more preventative approach to lengthening life expectancies.

"We have put in better water systems and have sewage treatment; our focus is anything to prevent a disease," he said. "Think of all the years our mosquito population has been controlled. Typhoid fever and malaria elimination did not come about because of medicine, but prevention."

Adams said the environmental health program at Southern has an excellent job placement.

"A number of our students work with county and city health departments," he said.

"We also have a number of graduates working with industrial as well as health and safety coordination and hazardous materials management."

"We're very proud to be one out of only 22 accredited schools in the nation," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs.

He said the accreditation process began with a three-day study of

the program and various facets of the College.

"A team of two gentlemen visited Missouri Southern and conducted a three-day study and were very impressed with our program," Bitterbaum said.

Bitterbaum said he believes the accreditation may lead to new opportunities for Southern students.

"The University of Oklahoma has a graduate program which may open other doors for them (Southern students) to have a master's," he said.

Bitterbaum also said opportunities may enhance the international mission with internships abroad in the field.

"Who knows what other avenues may exist," he said.

Southern's program works closely with Crowder College and Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College.

"We get a lot of our students from Crowder," Adams said. "Approximately 25 percent come from there."

"We are very pleased with our affiliation with Crowder and Fort Scott," Bitterbaum said.

"We would very much like to enhance those relationships as well."

Bitterbaum said the accreditation will allow Missouri Southern to move on to another level in marketing the program.

"The bottom line is, we are very proud to have the accreditation and what it means to the College," he said. □

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## Faculty discussion elicits no change in gun policy

**Student police officers still pack heat to classes**

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

**B**ringing guns on campus was an issue debated by the Faculty Senate late last spring, with no policy change being the result of the discussion.

As it stands now, the Missouri Southern policy on students wearing guns into the classroom states the practice is not allowed. However, the College isn't talking about just any student carrying a gun into the classroom.

Because Southern is heavily populated with criminal justice majors, many students are law enforcement officers still on duty when in the classroom.

"Anybody that's on duty and in a uniform ought to be allowed to carry a gun," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology.

Criminal justice faculty and staff have long

### INFORMATION SERVICES

## College on target to put computers on teachers' desks

By LESLIE ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**F**or the third year in a row, Missouri Southern has received money from the state legislature for the purpose of upgrading information technology on campus.

This year, \$215,000 has been allotted. Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, says the College will spend the money to put computers on every instructor's desk.

"All faculty computers currently in use will be upgraded to 16K RAM and 400K hard drives," he said. "That is already under way and should be finished by the end of September."

The money is divided into quarterly payments, so the new computers will be bought and installed over the coming year. Earney said the next payment is expected Oct. 1. With that money, the College will begin to purchase Pentium 75 computers with SVGA color monitors, 16K RAM, and 400K hard drives. Faculty will have access to the college's mainframe and the Internet.

"We'll probably do it a department at a time," Earney said. "There's a lot of hardware that has to be on the floor, and if you pick a faculty member from each department [to get a computer], then we'd have to have all the backbone stuff in place at one time, which isn't realistic."

Earney has asked the dean of each school to pick which departments get computers first. The computers will allow them to access any software programs on campus and to access student records.

"Because they have access to student records, they will be better able to advise students, and they will be able to enroll students from their desks," Earney said.

Although approximately 120 faculty currently do not have computers, Earney said the impetus behind the new computers has been not complaints because of the lack, but a vision for what could be.

"[College] President [Julio] Leon had a vision that if everyone had a desktop computer, they would be more likely to investigate and use technology," Earney said.

The access to the mainframe is what Marilyn Jacobs, associate professor of nursing, is looking forward to.

"We haven't had access from our building, and in the past it's created some problems," she said. "The access to the mainframe will be wonderful."

Earney expects to buy around 35 computers per quarter and finish the installation by May 15 of next year. □

### BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS

By DEBORAH SOLOMON  
MANAGING EDITOR

**I**n 1990, John Q. Hammons donated funds to Missouri Southern to be used for scholarships for minority or disadvantaged students in the Joplin area. Hammons wanted the College to monitor and handle these monies, and thus began a unique program that has followed students for five years, giving them guidance and help, but most importantly, a friend.

Southern's Hammons Program was implemented during the fall semester of 1991 after 45 Joplin elementary students (either minority

or disadvantaged) were nominated by their teachers and principals based on the criteria of financial need. The students must have the potential to succeed through high school and college.

The children were then matched up with college student mentors who acted as big brothers and big sisters. An after-school tutoring program was also implemented with college students volunteering their time twice a week for study sessions.

"The kids were in third, fourth, and fifth grades when we selected them," said Kelly (Binns) Wilson, director of the Hammons Program. "We wanted to start early enough

that we could make a difference and have time to implement a program that would be worthwhile."

The original 45 students has decreased to 30, but Wilson says the decline is due to families moving out of the school district rather than students dropping out of the program. With the original students now in ninth, 10th, and 11th grades, the program is close to reaching its goal.

"I have five juniors [in high school]," Wilson said. "They have all gotten really involved with their schools and are now starting to look toward college. For them, college is just around the corner."

Dantley Harven, 14, a sophomore

at Joplin High School, is a participant in the Hammons Program.

"For me, I see my mentor and he is going to be successful," he said. "My first mentor has graduated and is successful, and it makes me want to follow in their footsteps."

The program not only benefits the mentees, it is also a positive for the mentors.

"She learns from me, but I think I learn more," said Mary Ann Costley, junior communications major. "Being a mentor is so fulfilling; there is a great satisfaction in this."

Mentors are encouraged to stay with the program for at least two

semesters so that the relationship can be built and trust gained.

"It was really hard to establish a rapport and build trust with Mischa, my mentee," Costley said. "Now it is great; she asks me really tough questions, things she is serious about that she wouldn't ask her parents. I think that it takes a lot of trust to confide in someone."

The program needs approximately 15 mentors for the current school year, and offers one hour of credit. However, Costley warns students not to get involved if time is a problem.

"If you don't have the time, don't do it," she said. "It only hurts your student." □

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*Anybody who's on duty and in a uniform ought to be allowed to carry a gun.*

**Dr. Jack Spurlin**  
Dean, school of technology



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serious offense, but the penalties going with the offense vary depending on the circumstances.

As far as the policy concerning students carrying weapons into the classroom, Carnahan said the rule would be enforced depending on the instructor.

"We're not going to immediately suspend someone for wearing a weapon," Carnahan said. "Some teachers will enforce and others won't."

As far as the punishment for students drawing firearms during a feud, Carnahan said there definitely would be punitive results.

"The sanction would be pretty severe," he said.

Spurlin admitted the access to guns is becoming "more commonplace," but did say students should feel more secure knowing a trained officer is in class.

"It amazes me that anyone is concerned about a full-time armed policeman in class," Spurlin said. "They should feel safer."

No discussion about the College's policy has been brought up in the Faculty Senate since last semester's talks. □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

### MSTV documentary chronicles veterans

Five Jasper and Lawrence County World War II veterans will be featured in a documentary put together by Missouri Southern Television on the veterans' experiences.

The hour-long program will air at 7 p.m. Tuesday and again at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15.

Two of the veterans were ball turret gunners, one is a Battle of the Bulge survivor, another is a former prisoner of war, one was wounded in the Pacific campaign, and another was a sergeant in New Guinea.

The veterans are Frank Langston, Walter Grieb, Ben Hart, Elgan Snyder, and Lloyd Thomas.

Jean Campbell, Southern's promotions director for broadcasting facilities, will host the program. Larry Meacham, a writer and photographer in Southern's public information office, will provide the narrative for the program. Meacham is a Navy veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

MSTV can be seen on local cable channels, while KGCS is UHF channel 57. □

### Career services offers job, academic help

Students wanting to get a leg up in the career sector might want to leave the evening of Oct. 1 and the morning of Oct. 2 open in their schedules.

The office of career services is conducting a career development day on those dates for students to learn about career choices and other employment options.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, career services will host a "networking reception" in the Lions' Den.

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, activities include a plethora of sessions for career and academic learning. "Career booths" will be set up for student visits in the BSC from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., with the hope that students will be able to gather information about various careers and employers.

From 10:30 a.m. until 1:40 p.m. career "break-out" sessions will be held for students to ask questions pertaining to their field of interest.

Starting earlier, 9 a.m. to noon, are the academic "break-out" sessions.

These sessions will help students learn more about a major and allow students to discuss options about their majors and their career paths with career professionals and Southern instructors. □

### Deadline approaches for teacher program

Education majors intending to enroll in the junior block during the spring 1997 semester have an application deadline on the horizon.

At 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, application filing ends for the teacher education program in the spring.

First, education majors must file an application for admission to the program through their adviser and have it approved, according to Dr. Cameron Pulliam, associate professor of education.

The requirements for tentative admission into the program are in the Missouri Southern catalog.

Forms are available in Room 220 of Taylor Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. □

### New hours give clinic more time for students

Missouri Southern's free on-campus clinic has announced it will have new hours beginning this fall.

The College physician will now see students on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.

The clinic is located at Kuhn Hall, Room 306. □

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

**Young voters wasting right to have input**

Time and time again young Americans have had the opportunity to show the force of their voice, yet time and time again the sound has been stifled by a resounding show of apathy.

Now on the 25th anniversary of the ratification of the constitutional amendment allowing anyone over the age of 18 to vote, the apathy levels show no sign of decreasing.

Simply having no one in the 18- to 25-year-old age bracket to vote for is not a reason to quell your vote.

The time is now to make the difference. One vote does mean something. Your vote does mean something.

It is a right few on this planet share, and it is being neglected and taken for granted. Don't think for one instant candidates don't know the power of the young vote. The current president would not be in the White House had it not been for strategic campaigning of the young American vote.

In 1972, when 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds were first allowed to cast a ballot in a presidential election, throngs of young Americans turned out at the polling sites. The numbers have never been duplicated or surpassed since.

Young Americans control a major portion of the voting bloc, but lack of organization within the group keeps many votes away. Much of the young American vote is kowtowing to the whim of the voters' parents. Their opinions are shaping the voting procedures. No longer can America be put in the hands of an ancient regime.

The time is now to make the difference. Your vote means more than you think.

Students on this campus are missing out on an incredible opportunity as well.

You are no longer residents of your hometown. If you are living on campus and if you are planning to graduate from this institution, you are now a resident of this town.

What takes place in this town and this portion of the country affects you directly.

Your vote makes a difference. Politicians in this area count on the status quo.

They realize the young American vote is in a state of apathy and they are making no attempts to change it. What these politicians vote on means something to you and they may not be addressing your needs.

Get out and register, and if you've registered, change your voting residence.

You have a voice. And 25 years ago, people your age fought and died to voice their opinion.

Their blood was spilled to give you the same right. Just as quickly as the right to vote was given, it can be taken away.

If young America is not careful, it will be taken away.

Many peoples' lives are affected every election cycle. The decision is not one to be taken lightly; you cannot just expect to show up at the polls and pick, willy-nilly, a name that sounds familiar.

Become informed, and if becoming informed means becoming enraged, you can make a difference.

The time is now to make the difference. The time is now to vote for your life. □

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## OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

**Abandoned recycling program must reemerge in near future**

In this day and age of eco-awareness, it seems appalling a school the size of Missouri Southern no longer has a recycling program.

Alas, the College is not to blame.

Even with all the extra sensitivity surrounding the keeping and maintaining of a semblance of ecological balance, recycling programs have apparently met the same fate as many other American "good ideas."

The fate is capitalism. No longer facing a paper shortage, the cost of the product has decreased and the need for recycled products has been slowly fading.

The College's former recycler has decided it will no longer take care of Southern's recyclable trash without a fee.

Many offices and areas equipped with bins to take care of the refuse have had said bins taken away — carted off to be used for paying customers.

The next question is why doesn't Southern just pay for the service to save a tree.

The answer lies in the fate of the program itself. Budgetary constraints this year won't allow the College to

pay out large sums of cash to a paper monger who, not long ago, was making a pretty penny off the garbage of this campus.

This is a perfect opportunity for the Student Senate to step up to the plate and make its mark on this campus by taking some of its funds to start a recycling program. It is the Student Senate's duty to motivate the student body to get involved in the process. And if the Student Senate is successful, the Faculty Senate should follow its lead.

Granted, the College was in a fine position, having recyclable paper towed away at no charge, but to have the trash couriers turn around and say there is nothing in it for them anymore seems to be a great paradox of our society.

The message of the eco-wise seems to have fallen on deaf ears. There can be no slowing of the paper recycling process.

The planet is far from being caught up with the years of deprivation and forestry rape.

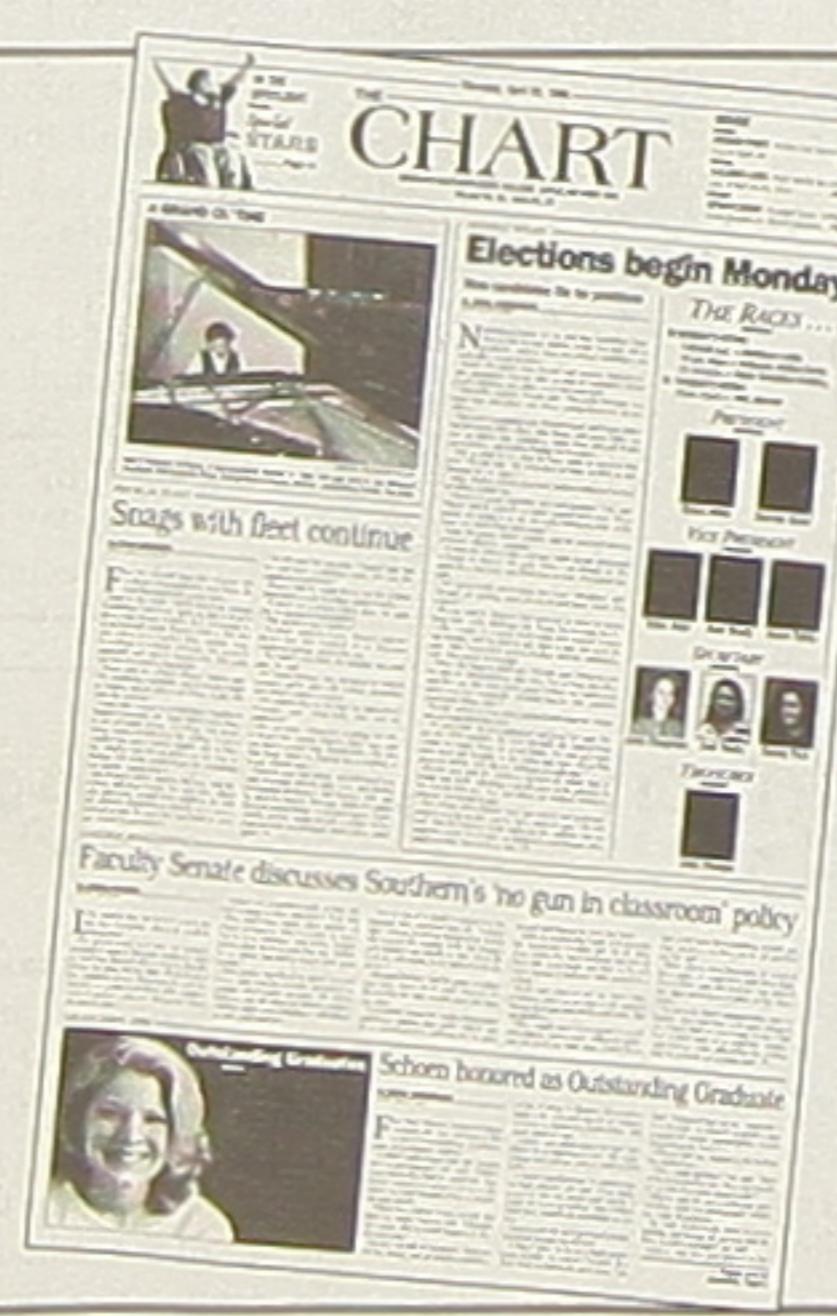
The proverbial tree has fallen in the College's forest, and the sound has been heard. Next year, the College must budget accordingly, so as not to let this travesty continue. □

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## IN PERSPECTIVE

**Give today's Generation X motivation**

Generation X — today's young people and the sons and daughters of Baby Boomers.

Criticisms of this group are diverse: they cannot communicate with others; they are unable to express themselves; they are insensitive to the needs of others; they have no originality; they are unaccountable for their actions.

Most of the explanations deal with the fact that Xers have grown up listening to radio, watching TV, and playing computer games, and, in the process, have become introverts ingrained to receive information rather than dispense it.

Even if this is only partly true, we must realize that inside every Generation Xer lies a healthy, productive citizen of this world capable of positive contributions.

Despite a few disappointments here and there, I believe in today's youth. The challenge to Generation X is to be open to dialogue and expression — to attend class and actually take an active role in the educational process through thought and verbalization.

Xers must be active participants in the classroom — they must ask, answer, speak, discuss, converse, and feel.

They must enter into the proceedings and not just observe them.

They must give and not just receive.

They must be accountable.

To the teacher the challenge is to bring out the untapped emotions and senses of young people.

The problem has nothing to do with intelligence and everything to do with expression.

Teachers must find ways to produce meaningful dialogue in the classroom. Outdated factory-style education in the form of lecture does little to inspire expression in our students.

We as teachers must learn that successful education occurs not when our students learn information; it occurs when they assimilate facts, disseminate the information, and most importantly, when they possess the ability to express themselves using what they have learned.

Only then do Generation Xers become successful students.

The college environment has to be more than it has been historically. The sociological side of the student must be enhanced if he or she is to grow in this changing world.

Teachers have a duty to see their students as personages and not just persons.

Individuals feel important when they are treated as important individuals, and this will prosper individual expression.

Generation X? I do not even like that label. It took no imagination on the part of some Baby Boomer to coin that term.

It intimates of mindless, unimportant clones; today's youth are so much more than that — they are sharp, bright, and hungry — and we all must work toward changing that unfair perception.

I do not know what the new label will be, but for the time being, I can live with almost anything else.

How about the Enterprise Generation? □

# Schmidt's travels give personal view

Instructor experiences first-hand knowledge of India's landmarks

By AMY DENTNER  
STAFF WRITER

Seeing the historic sites and experiencing the culture of India will allow Dr. Karl Schmidt to bring a personal perspective to the classroom.

Although Schmidt, assistant professor of history, has already traveled to India, he believes his recent summer trip will make his teaching more effective in his South Asian history courses.

"The benefit of going this time was that I was actually able to see these places that I had read about and that I had actually taught about but not seen before," Schmidt said.

"It's important for me to be able to say 'I've been to this place, I can show you a slide, I can describe it for you' and sort of impress upon the students why it's important to know about this place."

Among such places were the Taj Mahal, Sarnath, site of the Buddha's first sermon, and Dharamsala, current home to the Dalai Lama.

While Schmidt was in Dharamsala, he witnessed the birthday celebrations of the Dalai Lama. Although he couldn't understand the Dalai Lama, who spoke Tibetan, he said "there was a certain electricity about his speech."

## CAREER SERVICES

## Career Planning & Placement office gets name change

### On-Campus INTERVIEWS

#### ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR

Friday, Sept. 27 — Programming Student Computer Science majors; RPG preferred  
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#### BAIRD, KURTZ, & DOBSON, CPAs

Tuesday, Oct. 8 — Staff Accountant  
BSBA in Accounting; 3.0 GPA minimum  
Grad Dec. '96, May '97, July '97 or alumni  
Open Schedule. Deadline: Oct. 3

#### TAX & ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

Thursday, Oct. 10 — Technical Consultant Accounting/Finance majors, 3.0 GPA minimum  
Grad Dec. '96, May '97, July '97 or alumni  
Pre-Screened. Deadline: Sept. 25

### Name emphasizes objectives, purpose

By STEPHANIE WARD  
EDUCATION EDITOR

After being referred to as career planning and placement for years, the office of "career services" proudly takes on a new name.

"We believe the name 'office of career services' better reflects the mission of our office and the fact that what we care about is not finding people jobs, but teaching them how to find their own job," said Jennifer Yazell, director.

"We wanted to better communicate what we do," she said. "We don't get or find people jobs; we just provide services and information that helps our students and alumni properly conduct their own job search and pursue professional development."

Yazell has worked in the career ser-

vices office for three years. She was promoted from career services coordinator to director earlier this year after the former director, Nancy Loome, resigned. Kristy Amundson is the new career services coordinator.

The new name took effect on July 1 after discussion amongst Dr. Glenn Dolence, former vice president for student services; Dr. Julio Leon, College president; Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, and Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs.

They unanimously agreed the name change would be a move for the better.

Yazell said she thinks the new name will not hamper the students' finding the career services office, as the location is still the same. She said she thinks it will take the students and faculty a little time to remember that they have a new name.

"We've already noticed that a lot of people on campus are taking note of the fact that we have a new name."

Yazell said, "We see people who are trying really hard to recognize us by our new name, but old habits are hard to break."

Yazell suggested that students come to career services "as soon as they declare a major." She said many students don't prepare enough for the working world before graduation, "and that's a mistake." Yazell said part-time work, internships, and volunteer service all help to make a student more marketable.

"We really believe," she said, "that if we can help somebody develop the kind of skills they need to...get a good career job, then they'll be able to do that for themselves for the rest of their lives."

The office of career services is located in Billingsly Student Center, Room 207. Office hours are Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 625-9343. □

## POSITIONS: International Institute gets underway

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and exchange, creating an on-campus awareness, and outreach to the public.

"I welcome challenges," he said. "They provide an opportunity to explore hidden strengths of myself on campus. I think the staffing will work out very well for the future of the College."

Judy Bastian has been named administrative assistant and secre-

tary to the director.

Bastian served as assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and part-time Spanish instructor before taking last year off to begin work on her doctorate degree.

The degree, in modern languages, will be from Middlebury College in Vermont.

"Because of the nature of international studies, we wanted someone with the knowledge of a second language and who had done some

teaching," Massa said.

Moorman said he has followed the international mission since the idea was first brought up in June of 1990, and he said he is excited about how fast the International Institute is getting its programs underway.

With programs already being planned, look for some progress soon.

"We can offer a doorway to the rest of the world," he said. □

## MISSION: Program makes progress

## From Page 1

now in progress, the College has begun to look ahead to this spring's state legislature session to propose funding allotments for year two of Southern's mission enhancement.

The College received \$800,000 for the mission's inaugural year last spring.

Leon said he will propose a similar figure for phase two of the mission this spring.

"Those funds will be used for continuations of programs which we have begun implementing this year," Leon said.

"As well as the implementation of the new initiatives, including the bachelor's degree in international studies."

SMSU becomes one of 86 Division I institutions to have been certified since the program began in 1993. The purpose of the program is to ensure integrity in the institutions' athletics operations. □

### Tracy Byrd to kick off Encore Performances

Country music superstar Tracy Byrd kicks off the 23-event Northwest Encore Performances season at Northwest Missouri State University tonight with a pair of concerts.

This year's season also features performances by comedians Carrot Top and George Carlin, classic rock group REO Speedwagon, Pulitzer Prize-winning humor columnist Dave Barry, and MTV comedian/host Bill Bellamy.

Other events on tap include the Grease National Tour, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, hypnotist Jim Wand, and pianist Alan Chow.

The second annual Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo is scheduled this weekend at Northwest.

Such events as bull riding, bareback riding, saddle broncs, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, breakaway roping, barrel racing, and rodeo clowns are to be contested. Tickets for the Byrd concerts are \$16 for orchestra seats and \$14 for the balcony.

The ballad singer will perform at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. □

# THE CHART EDUCATION

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Dr. Karl Schmidt  
Assistant professor, history



KARL SCHMIDT/Special to The Chart

Dr. Karl Schmidt poses in front of the 1,800-year-old main Buddhist stupa (temple) at Sanchi, Madya Pradesh, India. Schmidt saw similar landmarks on his trip through India.

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

SMSU faculty journey to Missouri Bootheel

Early 30 new faculty members at Southeast Missouri State University got a firsthand look Aug. 16 at the hometowns of many of their students-to-be during an all-day bus tour of the Missouri Bootheel.

Dr. Dale Nitzschke, SEMO's new president, also participated in the trip, which made a loop from Cape Girardeau to Charleston, New Madrid, Malden, Dexter, Sikeston, and Benton before returning to campus.

Dr. Frank Nickell, director of the Center for Regional History, narrated the tour. Dr. Fred Snider, director of institutional research, provided the participants with a demographic profile of the SEMO student population.

"Everybody always tells us that has got to be one of the best new faculty orientation programs in the country," said Dr. Fred Janzow, who coordinated the Teaching Enhancement Workshop for new faculty. "The university invests a lot of time and resources to make sure faculty get a very positive start on campus."

The group also stopped at the New Madrid Historical Museum and the Crisp Bootheel Education Center in Malden and had lunch at the Hickory Log restaurant in Dexter. □

### SMSU most recent to be NCAA certified

The NCAA has fully certified the intercollegiate athletics program at Southwest Missouri State University. The certification process measures Division I athletics departments against benchmark standards in four areas: academic integrity, fiscal integrity, governance and commitment to rules compliance, and commitment to equity.

Of the 18 institutions evaluated by the NCAA in the most recent cycle, SMSU and 12 others were fully certified, three were "certified with conditions," and two schools that had been certified with conditions were reclassified as certified.

"I'm not sure everyone will fully understand and appreciate the significance of this certification," says SMSU President John Keiser. "This process took an incredible amount of time from about 50 people. As a result of their hard work, not only is the intercollegiate athletics program certified, but it also has a strategic plan that will take it well into the 21st century."

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## CAMPUS CALENDAR

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## Today 5

**All day**— Billingsly Student Center ticket office, "Color Me Badd" tickets go on sale for Sept. 22 concert, \$12.50 with student I.D.

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**— Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall

**12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.**— Free on-campus clinic to see college physician, Health Center, Kuhn Hall, Room 306

**5:30 p.m.**— Koinonia free lunch, basement of Stegge Hall

**6:30 p.m.**— Sorority Rush, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor

**7 p.m.**— Zeta Tau Alpha, panhellenic room

## Friday 6

New Billingsly Student Center Ticket office hours, M-Th 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.**— Free on-campus clinic to see college physician, Health Center, Kuhn Hall, Room 306

**Saturday 7**

**8 p.m. to 9 p.m.**— Country western line dance instruction, Billingsly Student Center, Connor Ballroom

**9 p.m. to midnight**— Country western dance, Billingsly Student Center, Connor Ballroom

## Sunday 8

**2:30 p.m.**— Jazz in Joplin presents Aladeen and the Deans of Swing, Webster Hall Auditorium, \$12.50 tickets at Ernie Williamson's Music

**8 p.m.**— Sigma Pi meeting, basement of Stegge Hall

**8 p.m.**— Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Alumni House, panhellenic room

## Monday 9

**7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.**— Free on-campus clinic to see college physician, Health Center, Kuhn Hall, Room 306

**7 p.m.**— Baptist Student Union, Quest Bible Study, Baptist Student Union Building

**7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.**— Campus Activities Board movie, Twister, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor lounge

## Tuesday 10

**5 p.m.**— Deadline for applications to student teach, education department

**12:20 p.m.**— College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311

**7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.**— Campus Activities Board movie, Twister, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor lounge

**7 p.m.**— Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

## Wednesday 11

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**— Campus Activities Board birthday cupcakes, Billingsly Student Center Lion's Den

**noon to 1 p.m.**— Baptist Student Union free lunch, Baptist Student Union building

**5:30 p.m.**— Student Senate, House of Lords Room, Billingsly Student Center

**6 p.m.**— Modern Communications Club "Ice Cream Social" Basement of Stegge Hall

## Attention Clubs:

If you have an event you would like publicized, call Ronna at 625-9311

## LION PRIDE MARCHING BAND

## Dance line provides outlet for spirit



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Jamie Gould, freshman education major; Carrie LaMere, sophomore education major; and Gretchen Leggett, sophomore biology major, practice for their new dance line routines in Phinney Hall Wednesday.

## GREEK LIFE

## Rush week benefits from prior planning

By RONNA SPARKS  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Tonight represents the final night of an event that Panhellenic Council has been planning since last spring.

Sorority rush is an event that requires an excess of time and effort, but this year the two groups made an extra effort to recruit new members with advanced planning.

"I think it's gone well because we concentrated on advanced publicity this time," said Jan Crandall, Greek adviser and part-time English instructor. "Every freshman woman got information in her Fresh Start packet telling her about rush and the opportunity to enhance her scholastic, philanthropic, and leadership opportunities."

The groups found several ways to get involved early in the incoming freshmen women's college experience by offering informative

speakers at Fresh Start, a bagel breakfast, and a mother-daughter tea, which they said were effective.

"Basically, I think the response we got to the tea was phenomenal because we had women with their mothers there saying 'Show me the Greek system,' which doesn't happen around here very often," said Wendi Good, senior biology major and Alpha Sigma Alpha president.

Both groups, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha, believe this year's rush will be extremely well received and are confident on its success.

"I think it's gone really well," said Rebecca Bockman, junior physical education major and Zeta Tau Alpha president. "The women are really enthusiastic, and they signed up early, so I think it will be a success and we'll have more people than we anticipate."

Both groups hope to attract a

## Plan two years in the making becomes a reality

By RONNA SPARKS  
CAMPUS EDITOR

A plan to boost fan spirit that began two years ago will finally be implemented this fall during Missouri Southern's home football games.

A dance line is to be featured along with the flags and cheerleaders during pregame and halftime. Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, said this idea was suggested several years ago.

The whole idea was to pull all the campus together, and we went into this concept two years ago," Meeks said. "We recognized the fact that on a commuter campus, it's sometimes difficult for the students to adhere the school together as far as school spirit."

Because Southern's student population is largely commuter, Meeks said many students maintain loyalty to their high school teams. He hopes the dance line will help boost school spirit.

Autumn Lawrence, senior chemistry major and dance line captain, agrees with Meeks.

"This is a really spirited group of girls," Lawrence said, "and it's very obvious their spirit will be passed on to the crowd."

Meeks said the dance line isn't the only group great to work with.

Lawrence also finds the group extremely spirited and said it is refreshing to be with a group of people doing something because they enjoy it.

There's no scholarship available so that's not an initiative," she said. "They do it because they enjoy it. It's really great to work with a group of 15 girls who are really talented and doing this because they want to and they love to dance."

Meeks said the dance line isn't the only group great to work with. He said there has been excellent support from all over campus and student services has shown great

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Robert Meeks  
Director,  
Lion Pride Band

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interest in the project.

Things are working because of a cooperative effort from several departments and administration," he said.

Although this is a new activity, the participants anticipate a good reception and are excited to see how the audience reacts.

"It looks like it's going to be good, but it's new so you never can tell," said Heather Johnson, sophomore graphic arts major and dance line member. "Anything new is always good, and I think people will get involved and enjoy it." □

## LIONS' DEN

## School mulls snack bar's new hours

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

On campus at night a lone figure treads toward the Billingsly Student Center.

The pace is quick and the step light as Chris Bowen prepares to purchase his favorite sandwich, a greasy steak sandwich, in Missouri Southern's Lions' Den snack bar.

The snack bar is now offering additional hours, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., that will allow night class students a chance to munch in between classes. The decision has prompted varied responses from students and staff.

"I think it's great, but it might have a few pitfalls for me," Bowen said.

Bowen, a sophomore business major, often uses the downstairs area in the BSC for private study after his lifetime wellness class at night. He is worried that later hours for the snack bar might mean lower grades in his classes.

"I used to be alone down here, but I guess this means I'll be seeing a few new faces," he said, as he took another bite of his sandwich. "My grades may suffer, but my cholesterol will be through the roof," he paused to take another bite. "I just wish my grade point average could be as high as my cholesterol count!" he said.

Other students responded with a veritable degree of doubt. Since commuters make up the majority of night class students, many students wonder what will keep night class students from leaving the campus to get what they want.

"Why?" asked Tara Berry, freshman undecided major. "I don't think they'll get enough business to stay open for long. My dad takes night classes, and he never goes down to the lounge area. He just goes home."

The College's food service director, Ed Butkovich, admitted the idea had failed before and said he had foreseen the labor problem. "We tried (the new hours at night) five years ago for about a month," Butkovich said. "and no one was interested then, but we'll try it again. See, that year that we tried it, I remember one night in particular that we made only \$0.38," Butkovich said. "We'll just have to see." □



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

In the BSC Tuesday evening, Becky Bockman, junior physical education major, Jamie Golden, sophomore undecided major, and Jennifer Klouse, junior nursing applicant, prepare to play their parts in rush week activities.

large number of participants because rush is their primary chance to increase membership.

"Rush is basically the future of a sorority," Good said. "Without rush you won't exist because it's basically the membership drive. You have to have good sisterhood and have everything be there because you are generally putting everything on the line."

Bockman also said rush is the chance the groups have to boost their membership.

"Rush means being able to expand our numbers, get our name out there, and let others know about what we stand for and who we are."

Although the main membership drive for the groups is during rush, they stress they welcome potential members at all times.

"Obviously 365 days a year you are rushing," Good said, "because when you put on your letters you are on display for your organization." □



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# Hepatitis A slaps region with sickness

By TERESA BLAND  
STAFF WRITER

A silent but benign disease has reached epidemic proportions in several counties in the four-state area.

"Hepatitis A is an epidemic in Jasper and Newton County, all the way down to McDonald County," said Sheila Hart, nurse supervisor for the Newton County Health Department. "One day last week, we drew blood on eight people because they were yellow and we put two others in the hospital."

Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused by the Hepatitis A virus. Anyone can get hepatitis A, but the disease occurs more frequently in children. A group of special concern is young adults from 15 to 30 years of age.

As of Aug. 21, the Missouri Department of Health reported 62 confirmed cases of hepatitis A in Jasper County, 48 in Newton County, and 20 in McDonald County.

Ottawa County is one of more than 30 Oklahoma counties that are experiencing epidemic rates of the virus.

"We've had 78 cases of hepatitis A since Jan. 1 of this year, but the number of new cases is slowing down," said nurse Kim Williams.

"We have a community outbreak in Cherokee County with 19 cases," said Greg Crawford, public relations officer with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "The number is

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## MATING TECHNIQUES

## Local video company offers dating 'preference' for singles



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Preference Video Introductions allows clients to screen prospective dates from a diverse selection of videos.

By AARON DESLATTÉ  
STAFF WRITER

Traditionally, the search for that special someone has taken place at parties, sporting events, and other social gatherings, but recently, a growing number of courageous lonely hearts are turning to a new device: the videotape.

Preference Video Introductions, a video dating service, has been providing assistance to singles in the Joplin area for more than five years. It has been operating out of Springfield since 1982. In this time, Preference has amassed a sizable field of prospective partners from which to choose.

"Between the two branches, we have over 5,000 clients," said David Ott, Joplin branch manager. "The male-to-female ratio is usually about 50/50. It sways back and forth."

Preference clients also represent a diverse assortment of age groups and occupations.

"I have doctors in here," Ott said. "I have

lawyers, attorneys, business owners, factory workers, secretaries, and grave diggers. The age groups go from 18 years of age to 90."

How the service works is simple. A new client is screened to determine personal preferences such as smoking, children, and marriage. The client is then interviewed in an introductory fashion and videotaped. The video introduction is then added to the library, and any other client may then select it.

Membership prices vary depending on what type of promotional package a new client selects. A lifetime membership has a minimum activation fee of \$250, or a client may select a monthly payment plan of \$25. Both packages are geared specifically for the client's needs.

"Clients have unlimited access to the files," Ott said. "They can come in anytime during business hours and view the tapes."

As a result of Preference, many clients are finding success, but as customers and management are quick to point out, the definition

of success differs from client to client.

"Some people are looking for a long-term commitment and some just want to date as many people as possible," Ott said. "We offer both opportunities, but some people are just looking for a little extra confidence."

"It's been a big boost to my self-esteem," said Michele Molinar, a Preference customer. "It has helped me figure out what I want in a partner."

"It's very positive," another client said. "I've dated a lot of people and had a really good time."

Singles seeking relationships of a more permanent nature are also well represented, and if marriage is any indication of success, then Preference's doors will be open for quite some time.

"We average about three weddings per month

that are a direct result of the service," Ott said.

"In August, we had a wedding every weekend,

and I am personally standing up for one in November."

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### St. John's Center hosts educational seminars

The St. John's Center for Women's Health will host two educational seminars in September.

Leanne Crain, director of education at Lakeland Regional Hospital, will present "Help! Aren't They Grown Yet? Parenting, Humor and...Prayers" Monday. Crain will share with participants some of her "surefire" tips on how to take parenting in stride, raise your offspring to be happy, productive adults, and how not to go stark-raving mad in the process.

The second seminar, to be held Sept. 23, is "Urinary Incontinence: A Guide to Women's Water Works." This will be presented by Dr. Chris Roberts, gynecologist, and Kathy Poiry, coordinator of St. John's Eurodynamics Lab.

Urinary incontinence (loss of bladder control) affects millions of women. Incontinence is a symptom with a wide range of contributing factors, and can always be treated, cured, or managed. This program will offer information and options for women dealing with incontinence.

Both programs will be held in the Education and Resource Center, Suite 150, in the Center for Women's Health, 2817 McClelland Blvd. The programs are free of charge. For more information or to register for the program, persons may call 781-LADY or 1-800-638-708.

### Company receives financial assistance

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has given financial assistance to Carthage Specialty Pallet Company of Carthage, one of 35 successful applicants out of 110 applications filed.

The project objectives for the \$100,000 are to enable Carthage Specialty Pallet Company to relieve bottlenecks in the company's production lines and to increase the production of recycled pallets. Damaged pallets will be diverted from the waste stream, disassembled, and remanufactured into usable pallets.

This assistance will help Carthage Specialty Pallet Co. to expand and operate more efficiently," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca). "The funds will provide for personnel and equipment including a semi truck, three dry box trailers, a flatbed trailer, air compressor, and pallet assembly machine."

The Solid Waste Program is administered through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The financial assistance offer is an annual grant process.

### Dogwood Trailblazers plan walk in Pittsburg

Lincoln Park in Pittsburg, Kan., will be the starting and ending of the next Dogwood Trailblazers' organized walk.

The walk will begin anytime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 and conclude at 4 p.m. Participants may choose how far they want to walk. There will be maps of a 5K and a 10K (6.2-mile) walk. The course, chosen by Reginah Smith, a Dogwood Trailblazer from Pittsburg, will go through two parks and neighborhoods of new and historic homes.

There will be no charge for the "volksmarch," but registration is required.

Members of the American Volkssport Association walk for credit toward personal incentive awards, and many of them like to collect badges from past walks.

More information about the Pittsburg walk, as well as the Dogwood Trailblazers and the American Volkssport Association may be obtained by calling (417) 625-9675 (weekdays), (417) 451-6016, or (417) 673-2421.

# CITY NEWS

## New store provides variety

By KIM GIBSON  
STAFF WRITER

What started out as a food staple for Jewish immigrants in the early 1900s is now one of the fastest-growing food trends of the 1990s. Bagel shops are gaining popularity, and new bagel franchises are vying for superiority in the growing market.

"Bagels are the hottest selling franchise today," said Heidi Howe, manager of Joplin's new The Great American Bagel.

The original bagel-making process produced a food with a soft, chewy middle and a crunchy exterior.

Some bagel chains, such as The Great American Bagel, have amended their cooking methods for a softer bagel. Others are keeping a little closer to the original consistency.

The Great American Bagel came to Joplin Aug. 6. The shop's menu, like many new bagel franchises, is expanded upon the original Jewish bagel with a variety of flavors.

"I researched it (bagels) for three years," Howe said. "I traveled around the country testing bagels, and I came across The Great American Bagel and thought it was the best-tasting bagel."

Howe called The Great American Bagel "unique" when describing that the customer can watch the bagels being made from scratch through the glassed-in bakery section.

The shop also offers specials such as the bagel of the month, which is a bagel not normally available on the menu.

Howe believes one reason for the increased popularity of bagels has to do with the higher nutritional value.

By eating a regular glazed doughnut,



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

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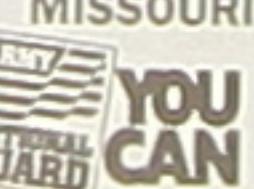
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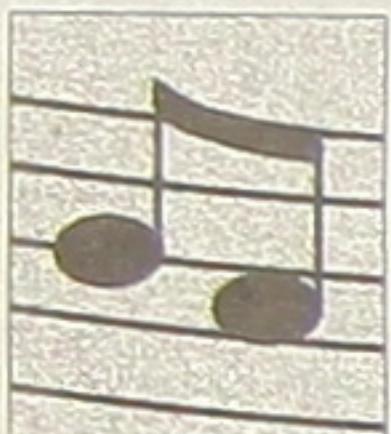
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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

# Larger band to showcase big sound

**Incoming freshmen, veterans to provide football field antics**

By GINNY DUMOND  
STAFF WRITER

Those returning to Missouri Southern this year may notice a slight increase in the size of the Lion Pride Marching Band.

Although the band has increased from 70 members in 1995-96 to 107 this semester, the increase itself is not unusual. In fact, last year's enrollment was dramatically down from the 100-plus members in 1994-95.

"We had a lot of strange circumstances last fall," said Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music.

Meeks said class scheduling conflicts and jobs, among other things, kept around 35 upperclassmen out of the band last year. Many of these are back this year, which added to an average number of first-time members, has brought the group back to even above-normal size.

Meeks said this has caused the department to buy a few new instruments, but overall, the influx has been absorbed successfully. Trombone, drum, and

French horn sections have increased the most, and Meeks sees this as a positive growth.

"This is all part of the plan," he said. "We'd like to increase membership a little each year."

The size of this year's band has been a real change for many students who have come from smaller high schools.

"I saw the band last year and wasn't really prepared for all of the people who were there the first day," said Jennifer McAfee, freshman undecided major.

Elizabeth Lovland, senior music education major and fourth-year drum major for the band, said she was pleased, not surprised, about the change in the band's enrollment.

"We did a lot of recruiting to area high schools," she said. "I also knew we had a lot of the upperclassmen coming back."

"I'm really excited about this year because the attitude and enthusiasm of the group is outstanding," Lovland said. "The morale was down last year because of the size. It was a little disappointing last year, but it didn't affect our performance. We still had quality players."

Lovland said she is looking forward to traveling to area high schools this year. The group has confirmed a trip to Seneca on Sept. 27. It will be the band's first performance. □



Adam Stafford, freshman secondary education major, and Jeremiah Nickels, freshman biology major, practice on their snare drums during the first outside rehearsal of the Lion Pride Marching Band Tuesday.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart

## SOUTHERN THEATRE

# Schmidt to spend day at desk...night on the stage

By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

**S**he has been acting in community and dinner theatres for 15 years, but this is the first time Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, has ever had a role in a college production.

Schmidt plays the role of Janet in John Murrell's *Waiting for the Parade*, a play about how World War II changed the lives of five Canadian women.

The play, directed by Crista Rainey Waggoner, will open at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium on Oct. 18-21.

"I've acted for a long time, primarily community theatre," Schmidt said.

**STONE'S THROW THEATRE**



"I really wanted a chance to have the experience of doing a show that was in a different setting."

"The play is about women. The cast is made up entirely of women,

and that's something you don't see very often. That appealed to me."

Schmidt acted in student productions when she was attending Harvard University, but did not acquire any formal training.

"When I was in college, we didn't have a practical theatre program," she said.

"You could study theatre from the point of view of theatre history or the literature of theatre, but not classes in acting or directing or anything like that."

"I didn't have a chance, in college, to study acting, except extracurricularly...in community theatre."

Schmidt has enjoyed going through the preparations for her role with the rest of the cast.

"I'm the only member of the cast

that isn't a student," she said. "Doing a play in an academic setting, as an actor, is a lot more work."

"There are certain exercises you have to do in terms of writing out your character analysis," Schmidt said.

"There are 62 questions you have to answer about your character and her background and her beliefs. You have to write down [the character's] objectives for doing things. Sometimes, if you're not in an academic setting, you don't take the time to do all those things."

Even without formal training, Schmidt has played some impressive roles. While living in Florida, she played the character of Lynelle in *Steel Magnolias*. She has also

played Kate, in *Other People's Money*, and she won a best featured actress award for her portrayal of Mrs. Frank in last year's Joplin Little Theatre production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

"She's great," Waggoner said. "She's really been wonderful to work with. Sometimes it's hard to be an outsider, when you come in to work with a group of people who know each other and already share a common bond."

"All the [other] girls are students, and they've been taking the same classes, and they've been friends," Waggoner said. "But she (Schmidt) managed to fit right in. There's no stress that she's the boss' secretary. It was a little awkward at first, but she is doing a great job." □

## CARTHAGE NIGHTLIFE

# New coffee shop perks artistic brew, flavors

By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

**T**he Downtown Perk has been described as having "a bar atmosphere without the bar atmosphere" by its owner, Charlotte Hitchcock.

Downtown Perk has been offering its menu of espresso, hot and cold beverages, Italian sodas, pastries, soups, and sandwiches to the people of Carthage for the last five months.

"Business is pretty good," Hitchcock said. "It kind of slacked off during the summer, but it's picking up again now that school is open."

"I have a really big lunch crowd that's mostly adults," she said. "Then I also have a lot of high school kids who come in on lunch hour."

Hitchcock said her junior high and high school-age customers get along surprisingly well with her 40-and-over crowd.

The Perk features live bands on weekend nights, though Hitchcock said she kind of let that drop over the summer.

"I try to have something going on each weekend," she said.

"Whether it be a band...a poetry reading...We have a game everybody's playing here called 'Magic'...so I might hold a Magic tournament."

The coffee shop has accommodated crowds of 25 up to 250 at shows featuring bands like Puke Daisies, Fire of Nero, and Sonic Youth. The Perk has even hosted jazz and bluegrass performers.

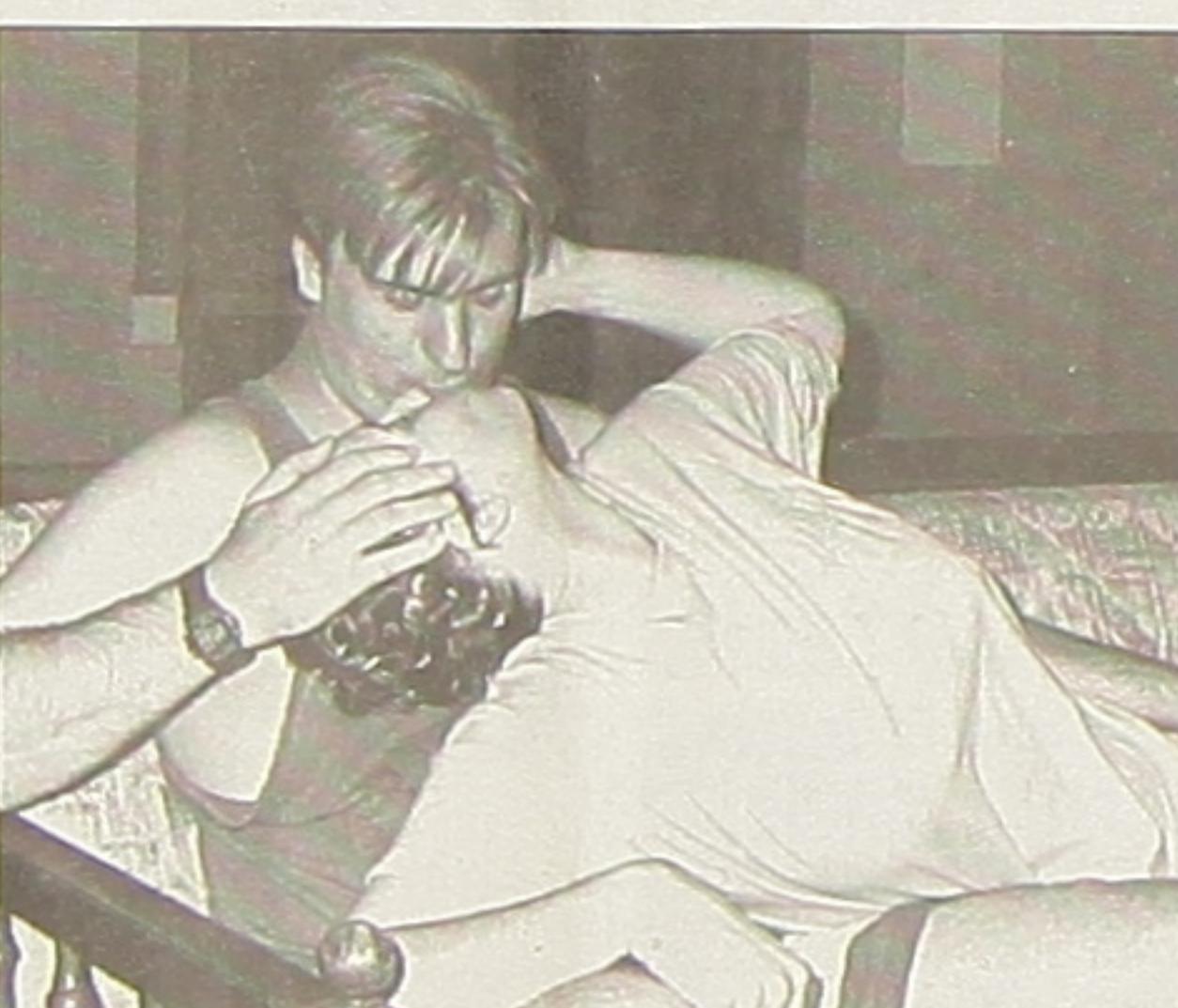
"I like to have a broad spectrum," Hitchcock said.

Extra room for the shows is provided by using either a back room, which is about half again the club's normal size, or the large beer garden Hitchcock sometimes shares with Jim's Place, the bar next door.

Music is not the only art form found at the Downtown Perk. Hitchcock also enjoys having local artists and students exhibit their work at the shop. Gary Crim, junior art major at Missouri Southern, has displayed pottery and paintings there.

"I try to feature an artist every month," Hitchcock said. "I've had a lot of nice pieces and I sold a lot of Gary's pottery."

"Right now, I'm completely open and I have nice big white walls that I can hang all sorts of stuff on." □



Jeff Johnson (above) and Sonja Kew-Johnson kiss during a rehearsal.

romantic comedy in two acts consisting of six scenes spaced approximately five years apart. Henry Heckert directs the production with help from his assistant director, Johanna Kephart. The production shows how attitudes, language, and fads change over the years. There are many familiar names mentioned, such as Goldwater and Stevenson. The audience is allowed to glimpse into the past.

Since the two are never in sync, their annual experience becomes a mixed-up emotional comedy with passionate kisses one moment and political pillow fights the next.

*Same Time, Next Year* is a

like the show, they will walk away with something," said Sonja Kew-Johnson.

*Same Time, Next Year* will run Sept. 12-14 and Sept. 19-22. Admission, including dinner, is \$16 (regular) and \$15 (age 55 and older). Prepaid reservations are required. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays only.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, the doors will open at 12:30 p.m. with dinner served at 1 p.m. □

The Perk features live bands on weekend nights, though Hitchcock said she kind of let that drop over the summer.

"I try to have something going on each weekend," she said.

"We're just kind of down-home and relaxed, and we want to make you feel at home..."

# Neighborhood bar atmosphere stays on tap



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart  
The Eighteenth Street Bar is Joplin's oldest consistently-open bar. The establishment is located on the corner of 18th and Main streets.

Corner dives serve community regulars more than just booze

By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Despite the influx of bigger bars like Roadhouse Ruby's and Cadillac Ranch into Joplin in recent years, small neighborhood bars are alive and well.

The corner dive may not have a live band or disc jockey, or be filled to capacity on Saturday night, but it still has its place in the social life of many Joplin's residents.

The Eighteenth Street Bar, at 18th and Main, is said to be the oldest consistently open bar in the city.

Eighty-one-year-old Al Stim and his wife, Terrie, have operated the bar for the last 22 years, and have no plans of retiring in the foreseeable future.

"It's still doing good [business]," Stim said. "Not what you call real big, but making ends meet."

"It gives me something to do, and I still enjoy it."

During the days of Prohibition, the bar stayed open as a restaurant.

"They had a little kitchen in the back," Stim said. "Of course they couldn't sell alcohol, but it stayed open."

The Eighteenth Street Bar still has the original bar, as well as the high-backed wooden booths. There is no pool table but there is shuffleboard and a video poker game.

On a shelf behind the bar sits a TV for those people who like to watch sports. The posted maximum seating capacity is 35.

The average age of Stim's cus-



Rows of bottles line the shelves behind the counters of Joplin's Eighteenth Street Bar, one of many neighborhood bars in the four-state area.

BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

tomers is 30 to 35 and older. "Not too many younger people, 21-, 22-, 23-year-olds come in," Stim said. "It's more of a mature people's bar."

"I'd say 90 percent of our customers are regulars," he said. "It's sort of a neighborhood type of operation, even though it's downtown."

The only food available at the Eighteenth Street Bar is beef jerky and potato chips. Tina's Irish Tavern, on the other hand, is open for breakfast six days a week. Located on North 43 Highway, Tina's, at first glance, gives the appearance that someone decided to remodel their storage shed and make it a bar. The only thing that separates the bar from the front yard of its owner, Tina North, is a circle drive and shallow gravel parking area.

Tina has operated her bar at this location for 10 years. Two years ago she tore down the first building and erected the current one, complete with a beer garden.

Tina says people go to her tavern for camaraderie.

"That's what they can't get at the bigger bars," she said. "We're just kind of down-home and relaxed, and we want to make you feel at home. If you're not there, we're going to adopt you anyhow. So you don't stand a chance."

Williams said his customers like to "drink beer, listen to music, and relax."

Measuring 24 feet by 30 feet, Tina's is cozy with only 12 tables. North said she can, and has, served a crowd of 300 people with the added space in the beer garden. The bar serves beer, no liquor, and one of the favorite recreational activities is playing chess.

"I'm not very good at it (chess)," North said. "But I like to play."

On Friday nights, North, who performs professionally, likes to entertain her customers with the karaoke machine.

Marvin Williams has been a Joplin bar owner for several years. When his other establishment, Charlie's Hi-Ball, Fourth and Virginia, now the site of Java House, lost its lease two years ago, Williams opened Marvin's Hi-Ball at First and Main. He said his regular customers followed him to the new location.

"About half of them are senior citizens," Williams said. "Neighborhood people."

With a seating capacity of 110, Marvin's is slightly larger than the Eighteenth Street and Tina's. There are two pool tables, a long bar, and nine seating tables. Williams and his two bartenders serve beer and mixed drinks.

Williams said his customers like to "drink beer, listen to music, and relax."

"Occasionally, we have a few squirrels (trouble-makers)," he said. "We just have to kick them out if they get too rowdy."

There are many small neighborhood bars similar to Marvin's, Tina's, and Eighteenth Street in Joplin and the surrounding area. Some of these include The Keystone Lounge, Fourth and Virginia, Joplin; OK Bar and Billiards, 15th and Main, Joplin; Last Chance Saloon, 702 Broadway, Webb City; Jim's Place, 225 E. Fourth, Carthage; Bait Shop Lounge, 42nd and Main, Joplin; and the list goes on.

Some like the Western Bar, 10th and Main, Joplin; Classics, Fifth and Joplin; and Oronogo Bar, Oronogo; feature live bands. Most, however, have jukeboxes.

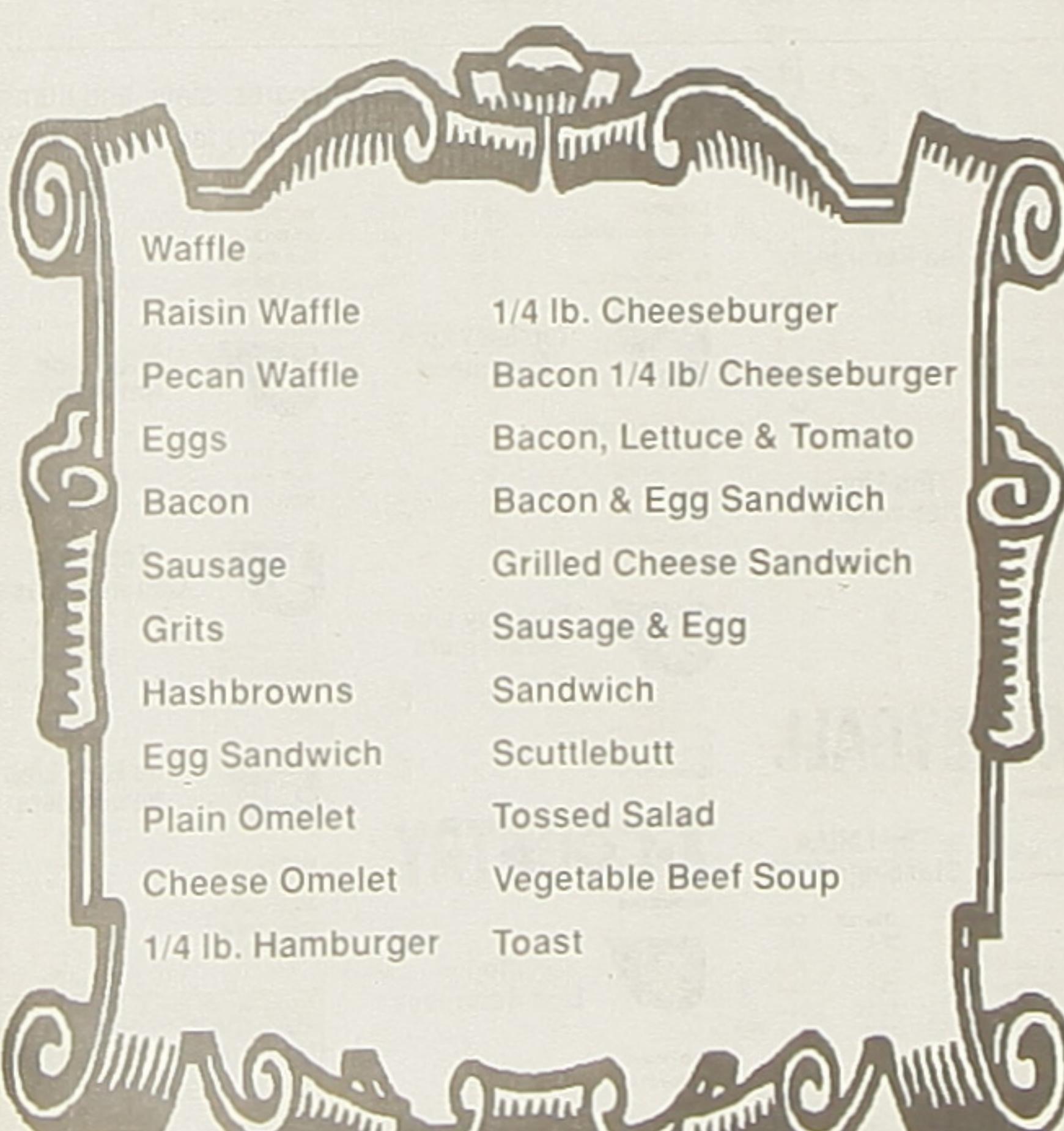
They are mostly quiet places where friends meet to talk over a few beers after work or on the weekend.

The customers are usually regulars, which is the main reason the bars stay in business.

The owners of these establishments know the bars are not going to make them rich, but they seem to enjoy what they're doing.

As long as eating and drinking is a social activity, the small neighborhood bars are not likely to die out. □

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can regroup  
from incident

**B**ut this year, the controversy started before the first snap of the season ever took place. Six players were suspended for the season opener after an Aug. 31 (1994) incident at the Sigma Pi fraternity house, and the Lions went on to lose to Central Arkansas 30-20.

**Editor's Note** — This was a section of my sports column published on Oct. 27, 1994, showing the frustration and meaningless non-football related controversies Lions' head

football coach Jon Lantz has encountered since his arrival in 1989.

And this year the controversy kettle seems to be boiling over again.

After the Aug. 27 incident involving football players Carnell Matthews and Marque Owens, and former track runner Gary Fearon, Lantz was forced to wear his disciplinary hat and dismiss Matthews from the squad.

And Matthews will be missed. The sophomore wide receiver was a key ingredient in the Lions' grab-bag mix of the new veer/option offense. Along with wide-outs James Thrash and Sir Avington, Matthews was to be one of quarterback Brad Cornelison's deep threats in long-down situations.

But that will no longer be.

Why?

Because Matthews chose to play with weapons in his spare time away from the football field, forgetting his punishment could very well mean the end of his collegiate career at Missouri Southern, an educational opportunity that many others in this world would cherish.

In many ways, Matthews' life was headed in the right direction. He was pursuing a secondary education degree at an institution with highly regarded education programs, he held on to a starting slot on one of the better football teams in one of the toughest NCAA Division II conferences in the nation, and he seemed to be quite popular among his peers in the residence halls.

But now one question remains. How will Matthews and his former team bounce back from this off-the-field incident?

For Matthews, the future is up to him. With his career at Southern in question, he could no longer be able to suit up for the Lions on game day. No longer could he have the opportunity to receive a degree from Missouri Southern.

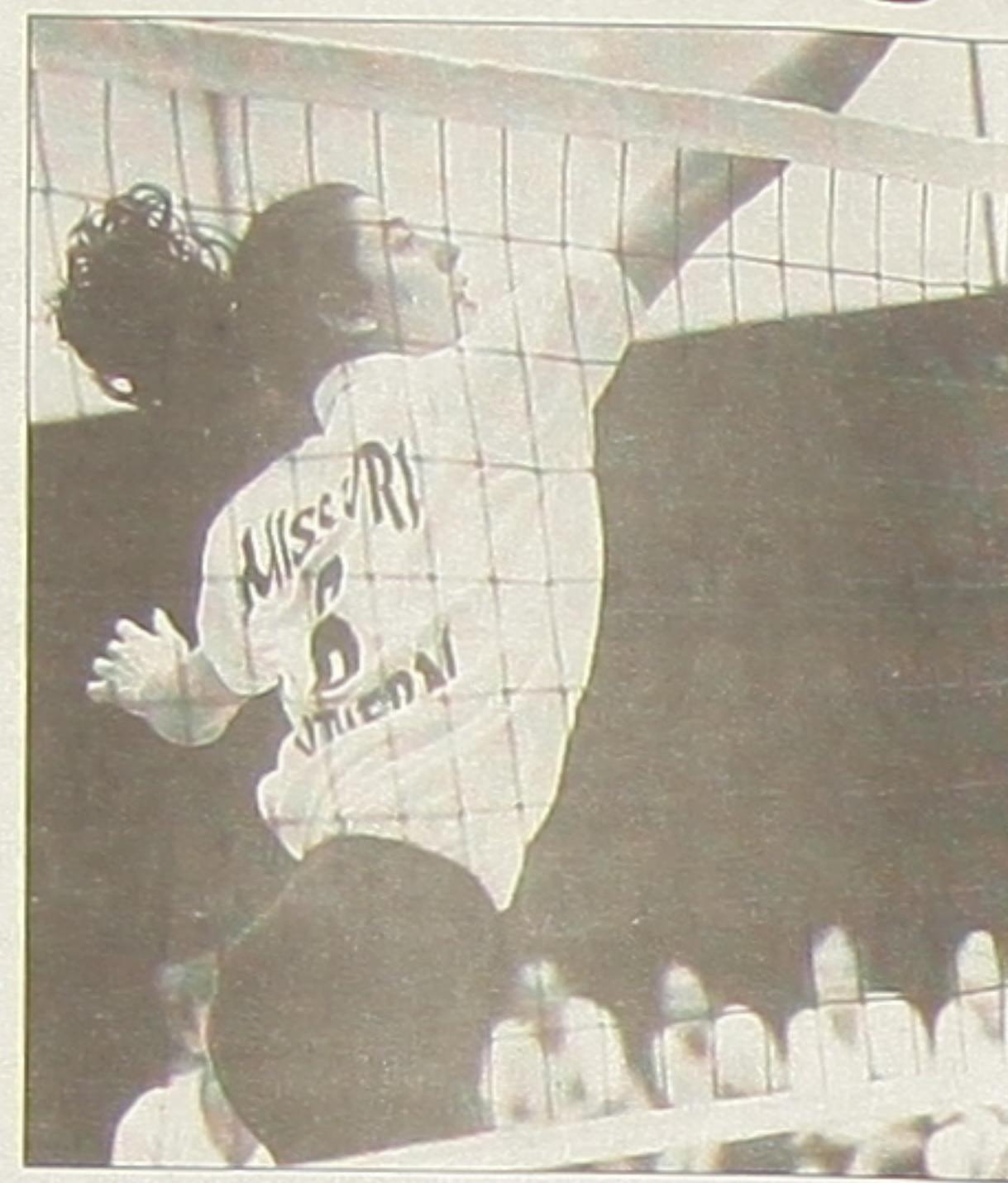
And for the Lions, this incident is just another speed bump in a promising pre-season.

After the Sigma Pi incident in 1994, Southern dropped its first two games of the season en route to a disappointing 5-5 record.

This season looks to be different. In 1994, the Lions' leadership was minimal. Southern had a quarterback, Doug Switzer, who couldn't deal with his father's coaching stardom, and a defense which was still young and inexperienced. But now, the Lions have leadership on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Cornelison has a confidence unknown to a sophomore, and senior linebacker Richard Jordan's gritty exterior could prove to be medicine to a shaken-up Lions squad. But let's just hope every student learns from this situation. □

## VOLLEYBALL

## Squad to 'dig in' this weekend



FILE PHOTO  
Senior middle hitter, Stephanie Gockley, looks to be a leading force in the MIAA. Gockley led the conference in kills last season.

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**T**he season is at hand, and the Lady Lion volleyball team is ready for action.

Missouri Southern begins the new season Friday at Young Gymnasium in the Lady Lion Classic.

"We're anxious to get the season off to a good start," senior Neely Burkhart said. "We want to set the stage for what is to come later in the season."

Head coach Debbie Traywick hopes the team can make an impact on the region with good play throughout the tourney.

"Hopefully we can open up and try to make a statement," she said. "In the first preseason regional poll we were ranked third. The preseason rank is nice, but where we are at the end is what counts."

Both the players and Traywick have set their sights high for the upcoming season.

"We had the whole off-season to think about what could have been, what should have been, last season," Burkhart said.

Junior Brandy Vanderman echoed Burkhart's thoughts.

"We finished 27-7 last year, that's good," Vanderman said. "But we could have been better. We really want to dig in and do better this season."

With five returning starters, the Lady Lions hope to make this year a championship year.

"For us (the seniors), this is one last shot to go out on top," Burkhart said. "This is one last chance to be the first team other than Central Missouri to win the conference title."

Traywick said she fears the team might put too much pressure on itself in its efforts to win the MIAA crown.

"The first few weeks will be more intense, because they are pushing and want to be good because of what happened last year," Traywick said. "There are positives and negatives to having an experienced team. The experience is a plus, but sometimes they try to push too hard. They may start to force things a little bit. Seniors tend to either have really great years or ones not as good as their junior year." □

## GOLF

## Champion leads team into tourney

By RYAN BRONSON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**F**ourth-year coach Larry Clay expects big things from the Lions' golf team this year, especially after failing to qualify for regionals by a half of a point last spring.

Southern opens its season Tuesday at a tournament in Winfield, Kan. The tournament is hosted by Southwestern College.

MIAA champion Jason Mickey, junior, returns for the Lions along with seniors Chris Mitchell, Kevin Walker, and Eric Bartelsmeyer.

Also returning are junior Todd Pefferman and redshirt freshman Chad Smith.

## SOCCER

## Southern to go bear hunting Saturday in Conway

By DAN WISZKON  
STAFF WRITER

**B**ear season opens this weekend for the Lion soccer team. The squad will travel south to battle the University of Central Arkansas Bears Saturday in Southern's first game of the season.

Junior Dustin Lee, a transfer from Kansas City, Kan., Community College, should be a catalyst. Lee played in the Junior College National Championships last year.

New freshmen on the squad are Brian Smith from Monett, Darryl Harbaugh from Seneca, and Travis Vandergriff from Riverton, Kan.

Just five players will qualify for the varsity squad. The remaining five will make up the junior varsity.

"We just started qualifying (for the top five spots) this week," Clay said. "The Southwestern tournament will be part of the qualifying."

"We'll still be qualifying for two days after the tournament."

The varsity team will travel to Kirksville, Mo., for the Truman

State golf tournament Sept. 16-17. The tournament will be the first of three conference matches this fall.

"It really doesn't matter how well we do at the other tournaments," Clay said. "The points tournaments are the important ones."

The largest tournament the Lions' play in will be the Grand Canyon University Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz. The tournament, played Sept. 23-24, will feature seven Division I schools, including Northeast Louisiana, Loyola Marymount, Eastern Washington, and Idaho State.

"It will be a chance for the guys to get out and get away from the normal stops," Clay said. "It will be a measuring stick for us from a national standpoint." □

## GOLF SCHEDULE

SEPT. 10	Southwestern College at Winfield, Kan.
SEPT. 16-17	Truman State Univ. at Kirksville, Mo.
SEPT. 23-24	Grand Canyon Univ. at Phoenix, Ariz.
SEPT. 30-OCT. 1	Missouri-Rolla at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
OCT. 14-15	Missouri Southern Crossroads at Miami, Okla.
OCT. 21-22	Drury College Invitational at Springfield, Mo.

his own players for starting positions can only benefit the team. He said the overabundance of talent on this season's team is a good problem to have.

"There's a lot of competition

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## CROSS COUNTRY

## Runners prepare for year

By JASON OWEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

**W**ith their first meet just days away, the Missouri Southern cross country teams are ready to run.

"We have really come together as a team," said junior runner Chris Heinecke.

"It's exciting to see this team as opposed to last year because we are all friends."

"I was a disappointed with my performance last year. I've worked really hard to see that it doesn't happen again."

Women's head cross country coach Patty Vavra agrees.

"Chris has reported in good shape," Vavra said. "She's worked hard this summer and it shows."

Another Lady Lion picked as a top runner this year is sophomore Sonia Blacketer.

"Everyone is really doing well this year," she said. "They've all really reported in good shape and they're ready to run. It's going to be a good year."

The freshmen this year are great. They're really working hard."

Blacketer says she is looking forward to a good season personally as well.

"I plan on doing well this year," she said.

"If I work hard I could reach regionals, and then who knows. I'm just going to do my best and see what happens."

The men's team is hoping for a good season as well.

"We are looking much better than last year," said sophomore runner Dusty Franks. "The freshmen are doing well, and we are all in really good shape."

Tom Rutledge, head men's coach, said he likes this year's team as well.

"This is one of the cleanest teams I've ever coached," he said. "This is a great group of guys."

Sophomore runner Jim Lowery said the team aspect was what would carry them through this season.

"Cross country is all about team," he said. "For us to do well we must have five guys scoring at every meet." □

## FOOTBALL

## Final MIAA Standings 1995

Overall W-L Conf. W-L

1. Pittsburg State 12-1-1 9-0

2. Missouri Western 7-3-1 6-3

3. Truman State 5-5 6-3

4. Northwest Missouri 5-5 6-3

5. Missouri Southern 6-4 5-4

6. Emporia State 5-6 4-5

7. Washburn 4-5 3-6

8. Central Missouri 4-6 3-6

9. Southwest Baptist 2-8 2-7

10. Missouri-Rolla 1-9 1-8

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Michael Johnson (fourth from left) set an Olympic record by winning the gold medal in both the 200 meter and 400 meter races.

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# Touching THE FLAME

## Track coach feels heat of 'Hotlanta'

Tom Rutledge treks south for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta

By JASON OWEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

**A**s Olympic fever gripped the nation this sweltering summer, Tom Rutledge found himself right in the middle of Atlanta's sweaty palm.

"It was a great experience," the Missouri Southern's men's track and cross country coach said. "Track is what I do, it's what I love. I was thrilled to be there."

Rutledge said the trip to (Hot)lanta was not a spur-of-the-moment decision.

"I have been planning for this trip for over four years," he said. "I have a time share condo in Tennessee that I gave up two years ago so that I could have a place to stay in Atlanta this summer."

With tickets costing a premium rate, Rutledge said knowing the right people in the right place helped him secure tickets to his chosen events.

"I had to call on a few of my friends to make sure I could get into the venues," he said. "I have a few friends who are Reebok coaches and they were able to get me coach passes for the Olympic trials. The passes were great because I could get up close to the athletes."

And getting close to the athletes meant spending some precious time with the nation's elite.

"I met guys like Michael Johnson, who is a very nice guy," he said. "He, unlike some other athletes, would shake your hand, and ask you where you were from. He really acted like he wanted to get to know you."

Rutledge said he was very impressed by the lengths to which Atlanta went to make the athletes feel right at home.

"The athletic village was astounding," he said. "They went all out to feed these people, and the food was just incredible. You could really

tell they cared. The medical facilities were also just amazing. They had on-site, fully operational medical stations at every event. If anything happened they were right there."

Rutledge said the bombing incident was a disappointment because it put a damper on festivities located at the Olympic Park. He also said, however, that he in no way ever felt in danger.

"You really were never given an opportunity to feel unsafe," Rutledge said. "Security was great. There were policemen every ten feet, and they brought in 15,000 soldiers as well."

"Everywhere you went you had to walk through a metal detector, or have your bag checked," he said.

"It was very obvious that they were doing everything possible to keep us safe. They really did a good job."

"The city of Atlanta deserves an award. There were some people who griped, but that's to be expected. For a city to pull something like this off is just amazing."

The number of people in Atlanta during the two-week spectacle was also quite eye-popping to Rutledge.

"It was just wall to wall people," he said. "You just had to be patient because there were just people everywhere."

Rutledge said one of the highlights of the trip was the people he was able to meet.

"I met so many people this summer," he said. "The two biggest surprises were Olga Korbut and Kurt Thomas. Korbut won four gold medals in the 1972 Olympics, and Thomas was a gymnast in the 1992 Olympics."

"We met at a State Farm luncheon my wife and I went to," Rutledge said. "I sat down, they sat down, and I said 'Hey, I know you.' It was really exciting for me."

Rutledge said he left Atlanta with an awe he had never felt before.

"I just can't imagine what it would feel to win a gold medal in front of 70,000 people," he said. "I was at the finals of the 110 meter hurdles when we almost swept them. People were just going nuts."

"It gave me goose bumps just watching. I'm really thankful I was able to go." □



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United States long jumper Mike Powell makes an attempt during the Olympic trials. Powell suffered leg injuries during the Olympic finals.



Coach Tom Rutledge (middle) poses with Olympic contenders Olga Korbut (left) and Kurt Thomas (right). Korbut won four gold medals in gymnastics for Russia in 1972.

## SOCER: Southern Lions to face Central Arkansas

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or playing time," Cook said. "Our team strength is definitely our depth."

Shawn Delmez, freshman physical education major and midfielder, said the whole team is meshing well together. "It's my first college game, and I'm hyped up but also kind nervous," Delmez said.

No one on the team really

sticks out as a superstar, so we have a lot of people who can serve as an offensive threat."

One scoring threat eager to take the field Saturday is junior forward Jose Suarez from Quito, Ecuador.

The computer information systems major said the Lions need to keep from underestimating Central Arkansas' new soccer program.

"All of the games this season are going to be difficult no matter how much we know about the other team or their past records," Suarez said. "We have to take all of the games with the same respect."

Looking ahead, the Lions will travel for their second game this season against Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. □

## HEPATITIS A: Washing hands will stop virus from spreading

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higher than normal, but it's more of a person-to-person exposure which makes it harder to control."

Hepatitis A is spread when the virus enters through the mouth, multiplies in the body, and is passed in the feces. The virus can then be carried on an infected person's hands and can be spread by direct contact, or by eating

and drinking food or beverages that were handled by the infected individual.

"If the main food preparer in the home was infected, then the whole family may become infected," Hart said.

The symptoms of hepatitis A may include fatigue, poor appetite, fever, and vomiting. Urine may become darker in color, and then jaundice (a yellowing of the skin and/or the

whites of the eyes) may appear. It's not considered a fatal disease, and most people recover in a few weeks without complications.

Hart said one of the main problems attributed to the widespread outbreak of the virus is the time between exposure to the virus and the appearance of symptoms.

"The disease is contagious two weeks before the symptoms appear," she said. □

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## Lazy River



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## Float trip can ease the pains of everyday life



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**L**an hé. El Rio Calmado. I thought I'd get my international mission portion of this column out of the way, a technique I learned from my instructors.

**Lazy River.** Labor Day weekend bodes well for those hoping to get away from it all, to relax in the realm affectionately called Nature.

The eight-mile trip composed of rope swings, water snakes, canoes, cliffs, houses blasting country tunes along the shore, catfish of all sizes, water wings, inner tubes, water skippers, water dogs, soaked T-shirts, beer, sun, more beer, picnics, errant oars floating downstream, fishing boats, canoes dragging, kids with water guns, adults with water guns, broken sandals, spilled beers, slippery rocks, spilled beers; I'm sure you get the hint.

Our trip started in fine fashion, waking up early with almost no sleep. I recommend packing your stuff the night before because trying to get packed in the morning, when you're still basically asleep, will most certainly take much longer than expected and you'll probably forget something. Always pack dry clothes to change into



**Ryan Bronson**  
Associate Editor

after the trip — you will get wet. Proper attire is essential. Much of our trip was spent walking over shallow water, and water is not easy to walk through. The rocks on the bottom prevent you from walking in bare feet. I recommend wearing an old pair of canvas shoes or tightly-fit pair of Tivas. Water socks might work also, but I don't suggest that for the feeble-footed.

**BRING SUNTAN LOTION AND SUNGLASSES.** Even if you don't think you burn, you will on this trip. Six hours of straight sun can be dangerous without protection.

Zip-lock sandwich bags are a necessity as well. Put your food, smokes, lighter, jewelry, and anything else that needs to stay dry inside the bags.

Another handy item is a coolly cup — especially if you're a beer drinker — that is tied to a string to go around your neck. It's difficult to drink beer and row at the same time (experienced beer drinkers should know it is difficult to drink beer and do anything at the same time).

If you decide to stop a while and try the rope swing, be sure to go into the three-and-a-half-foot water feet first. Idiots who dive into the water from the rope swing could endure a serious injury. My shoulder still hurts.

The Elk River was extremely crowded last weekend, as crowded as it ever is. But in the weeks leading up to the cold-weather season, the river should be relatively clear of crowds. With a little more rain, the trip would be perfect. □



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